

REMARKS

Claims 51-64 and 71-76 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 58, 59 and 61-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,715,314 ("Payne"). Claims 51, 52, 54-57 and 65-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Payne in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,182,052 ("Fulton"). Claim 60 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Payne in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,236,971 ("Stefik"). Claim 53 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Payne in view of Fulton and further in view of Stefik. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Interview Summary

Applicants' undersigned representative, Mr. Eiferman, and Examiner Gilligan participated in a telephonic interview on May 18, 2006. During the interview, Mr. Eiferman proposed the above claim amendments. Examiner Gilligan stated that these claim amendments appeared to overcome the rejection of record.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 58, 59 and 61-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,715,314 ("Payne"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 58 requires that transaction identification data be sent "from the content manager computer system" to the client computer system. The Office Action does not address the "from the content manager computer system" language of the claim. Moreover, while the Office Action cites Col. 7 ll. 18-24 and 31-32 of Payne as teaching the sending of transaction identification data, this portion of Payne deals with data that is sent from Payne's payment computer, which is not analogous to the claimed content manager.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 58 is not anticipated by Payne. Applicants further submit that dependent claim 59 and 61-64 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

1. Claims 51, 52, 54-57 and 65-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Payne in view of Fulton. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 51 requires that, in response to receiving a request for reservation, the content manager computer system forms transaction data and sends the formed transaction data to the merchant computer system. By contrast, neither Payne nor any of the cited references teach or suggest that any data is sent from a content manager to a merchant computer.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 51 is patentable over the cited references. Applicants further submit that dependent claims 52 and 54-57 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency. Applicants further submit that new claim 71, a computer readable medium claim similar to method of claim 51, is patentable for the same reasons. Claims 65-70 are canceled by the above amendment.

2. Claim 60 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Payne in view of Stefik. Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that dependent claim 60 is patentable at least by reason of its dependency.

3. Claim 53 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Payne in view of Fulton and further in view of Stefik. Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that dependent claim 53 is patentable at least by reason of its dependency. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections are respectfully requested.


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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the above amendment.

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